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PETITION OF NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF FUEL COST CHARGE AND CUSTOMER CREDIT ADJUSTMENT TO BE APPLICABLE IN THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2005 AND JANUARY 2006 PURSUANT TO I.C. 8-1-2-42 AND CAUSE NO. 41746

CAUSE NO. 38706-FAC68

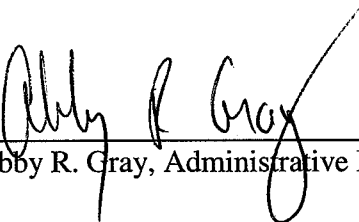
You are hereby notified that on this date the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") has caused the following entry to be made:

The Presiding Officer now finds that NIPSCO should file written responses to the following questions by Friday, September 16, 2005:

1. Paragraph 9 of NIPSCO's Petition in this Cause states that NIPSCO's "prospective average fuel costs for the three calendar months of October, November and December 2005 include purchases of power from EnergyUSA-TPC Corp. with its source at Whiting Clean Energy, Inc." The testimony contained on page 3, Question and Answer 8 of Thomas W. Pysh's testimony and page 6, lines 13 – 22 of Frank A. Shambo's testimony, draws a distinction between 'Other Purchased Power' and the IDP power purchases that are forecast to be made from Whiting Clean Energy via EnergyUSA. However, Lines 5 and 14 of Exhibit B, Schedule 1, attached to NIPSCO's Petition in this Cause show zero MWh and zero dollars forecast for 'Purchased Power'. Correspondingly, Exhibit B, Schedule 2 shows no 'Purchased Power' for the forecast months of October – December 2005. Why hasn't NIPSCO forecast IDP purchases as 'Purchased Power'? If necessary, please amend Schedules 1 & 2, properly classifying IDP purchases from Whiting Clean Energy via EnergyUSA.
2. Item 2 (e) of the purchased power benchmark settlement approved in Cause No. 38706 – FAC67 states that "To the extent NIPSCO buys power from any affiliate NIPSCO will identify the price of the purchase, which market it was using and the total amount of affiliate purchases for each month ..." Item 6 of the same settlement states that "Purchased power contracts and transaction-by-transaction purchased power records shall be maintained and provided to the OUCC, and made available to any other party upon request, with each FAC filing." Please provide, in aggregate, the amount of power, denominated in MWh and dollars, purchased from any affiliate during the reconciliation period. If purchased power generated at an affiliate can be identified, please segregate this power from power generated at a non-affiliate.

3. Exhibit B, Schedule 7, attached to the testimony of NIPSCO witness Cathy Hodges, identifies the dollar amount of fuel related MISO costs that NIPSCO seeks to recover in this Cause. On pages 7 and 8 of her testimony in this Cause, Ms. Hodges describes ten categories of fuel related MISO costs and revenues that flow into Exhibit B, Schedule 7. Please provide the specific amounts, by category, for Ms. Hodges' items (1) through (10) listed on pages 7 and 8 of her testimony.
4. On Page 37 of its final order in Cause No. 42685, the Commission stated that "The transmission losses currently included in the FAC fuel cost calculations should be removed in order to prevent their double recovery when the differential MLC is applied as a fuel cost." The testimony on Page 4, Question and Answer 13, of Thomas Pysh describes NIPSCO's methodology for removing some dollar amount for transmission losses. How does the methodology described by Mr. Pysh comport with the Commission's order in Cause No. 42685?

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Abby R. Gray, Administrative Law Judge

Date September 8, 2005